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For: HEAD MAINTENANCE MECHANISM FOR INK JET PRINTER AND INK JET
PRINTER INCORPORATING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3.

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